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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2015-1097]

Collection of Information under Review by Office of Management and Budget; OMB

Control Number: 1625-0027

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Thirty-day notice requesting comments.

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SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the U.S. Coast Guard is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR), abstracted below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), requesting approval of a revision to the following collection of information:

1625-0027, Vessel Documentation. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comments by OIRA ensure we only impose paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Comments must reach the Coast Guard and OIRA on or before **[Insert date**

**30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].**

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number [USCG-2015-1097] to the Coast Guard using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Alternatively, you may submit comments to OIRA using one of the following means:

- (1) E-mail: [OIRA-submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA-submission@omb.eop.gov).

(2) Mail: OIRA, 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

(3) Fax: 202-395-6566. To ensure your comments are received in a timely manner, mark the fax, attention Desk Officer for the Coast Guard.

A copy of the ICR is available through the docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Additionally, copies are available from: COMMANDANT (CG-612), ATTN: PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT MANAGER, U.S. COAST GUARD, 2703 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE SE, STOP 7710, WASHINGTON, DC 20593-7710.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Anthony Smith, Office of Information Management, telephone 202-475-3532, or fax 202-372-8405, for questions on these documents.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public participation and request for comments

This Notice relies on the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended. An ICR is an application to OIRA seeking the approval, extension, or renewal of a Coast Guard collection of information (Collection). The ICR contains information describing the Collection's purpose, the Collection's likely burden on the affected public, an explanation of the necessity of the Collection, and other important information describing the Collection. There is one ICR for each Collection. The Coast Guard invites comments on whether this ICR should be granted based on the Collection being necessary for the proper performance of Departmental functions. In particular, the Coast Guard would appreciate comments addressing: (1) the practical

utility of the Collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the Collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information subject to the Collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the Collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. These comments will help OIRA determine whether to approve the ICR referred to in this Notice.

We encourage you to respond to this request by submitting comments and related materials. Comments to Coast Guard or OIRA must contain the OMB Control Number of the ICR. They must also contain the docket number of this request, [USCG-2015-1097], and must be received by **[Insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

#### Submitting comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document for alternate instructions. Documents mentioned in this notice, and all public comments, are in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, you may review a Privacy Act notice

regarding the Federal Docket Management System in the March 24, 2005, issue of the Federal Register (70 FR 15086).

OIRA posts its decisions on ICRs online at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> after the comment period for each ICR. An OMB Notice of Action on each ICR will become available via a hyperlink in the OMB Control Number: 1625-0027.

#### Previous Request for Comments

This request provides a 30-day comment period required by OIRA. The Coast Guard published the 60-day notice (81 FR 3152, January 20, 2016) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That Notice elicited no comments. Accordingly, no changes have been made to the Collections.

#### Information Collection Request

**TITLE:** Vessel Documentation.

**OMB CONTROL NUMBER:** 1625-0027.

**SUMMARY:** The information collected will be used to establish the eligibility of a vessel to: (a) be documented as a “vessel of the United States”, (b) engage in a particular trade, and/or (c) become the object of a preferred ship’s mortgage. The information collected concerns citizenship of owner/applicant and build, tonnage and markings of a vessel.

**NEED:** Title 46 U.S.C. Chapters 121, 123, 125 and 313 requires the documentation of vessels. A Certificate of Documentation (COD) is required for the operation of a vessel in certain trades, serves as evidence of vessel nationality and permits a vessel to be subject to preferred mortgages.

**FORMS:** CG-1258, Application for Initial, Exchange, or Replacement of Certificate of Documentation/Redocumentation; CG-1258, Section A – Additional Vessels; CG-1258, Section H – Additional Owners; CG-1258, Section L – Attachment to Limited Liability Company; CG-1258, Section L- Attachment to Partnership; CG-1258, Section L – Attachment to Joint Venture or Association; CG-1258, Section L – Attachment to Trust Arrangement; CG-1261, Builder’s Certification and First Transfer of Title; CG-1270, Certificate of Documentation; CG-1280, Vessel Renewal Notification Application for Renewal; CG-1340, Bill of Sale; CG-1356, Bill of Sale by Government Entity Pursuant to Court Order or Administrative Degree of Forfeiture; CG-4593, Application, Consent, and Approval for Withdrawal of Application for Documentation or Exchange of Certificate of Documentation; CG-5542, Optional Application for Filing; CG-7042, Authorization for Credit Card Transactions; and CG-7043, Abstract of Title/Certified COD Request.

**RESPONDENTS:** Owners/builders of yachts and commercial vessels of at least 5 net tons.

**FREQUENCY:** Annually.

**HOURLY BURDEN ESTIMATE:** The estimated burden has increased from 67,882 hours to 77,619 hours a year due to an increase in the estimated annual number of responses. With one exception, there is no proposed change to the reporting or recordkeeping requirements of this collection. This ICR is revised to account for the recordkeeping burden of form CG-1270 (Certificate of Documentation (COD)). A COD is issued by the Coast Guard to a vessel owner. We estimate the recordkeeping burden of 3 minutes per response. CODs were issued in the past, but not accounted for under

Information Collection 1625-0027. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and the methodology for calculating burden, remain unchanged.

**AUTHORITY:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

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